

appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this amendment. A Notice of Appeal was due on May 26, 2003.

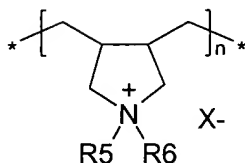
Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please add new Claims 77-84.

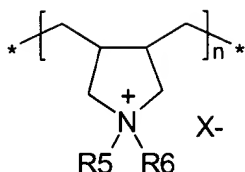
77. (New) A method of treating obesity in a mammal comprising the step of orally administering to the mammal an effective amount of a fat binding polymer, salt, or copolymer thereof, characterized by a repeat unit having the formula:

(X)



- wherein R5 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂,
R6 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂, and
X = a pharmaceutically acceptable anion, in combination with at least one lipase inhibitor.
78. (New) The method of claim 77 wherein R5=H, R6=CH₃ and X=tartrate.
79. (New) The method of claim 78 wherein said polymer is Poly(N-methyl-N,N-diallylammonium) tartrate.
80. (New) The method of claim 77 wherein said lipase inhibitor is tetrahydrolipstatin.
81. (New) A method for treating steatorrhea in a mammal comprising the step of orally administering to the mammal a therapeutic amount of a polymer characterized by a repeat unit having the formula:

(X)



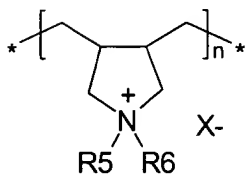
wherein R5 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂,

R6 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂, and

X = a pharmaceutically acceptable anion

82. (New) A method for treating hypertriglyceridemia in a mammal comprising the step of administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of at least one lipase inhibitor and a polymer characterized by a repeat unit having the formula:

(X)



wherein R5 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂,

R6 = H, or an alkyl chain from C₁ to C₂₂, and

X = a pharmaceutically acceptable anion, in combination with at least one lipase inhibitor.

83. (New) A method for reducing the absorption of dietary fat in a mammal comprising the step of orally administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of at least one lipase inhibitor in combination with a polymer characterized by a combination of repeat units having the formula:

(X)

